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Minimum College Admission Standards

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Background

- Council establishes minimum college admission standards for public four-year institutions of higher education.
- The standards are designed to ensure that students are well-prepared to be successful in achieving their postsecondary educational goals.
- The standards encourage diversity in the student population by recognizing multiple measures of college preparedness, including alternate routes to traditional admission pathways.
- Staff sought and received feedback from key stakeholders.
- Council reviewed, public testimony received, revised standards were approved by WSAC Executive Director.

Preparing students for college success

Minimum admission standards for first-year students entering public baccalaureate institutions:

2.0 high school grade point average.

No change.

Taking the SAT or ACT and having the scores sent directly to the college or university.

Revised to allow institutions to implement a test-optional policy.

Completion of College Academic Distribution Requirements (courses/credits).

Revised to align with high school graduation requirements.

Increase Admission Exam Options

Allow test-optional policies:

Official SAT or ACT test scores sent directly to the college, unless the institution has implemented a test-optional policy.

Test-optional policies are implemented consistently and fairly.

May include the use of other measures of college readiness including dual credit coursework or exams, or scores on high school exams such as the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Institutions must provide a copy of their admission exam policies to the Washington Student Achievement Council prior to implementation.

Align Requirements for Successful Transitions

Increase STEM options:

Added a **third credit in science** to align with a change in the high school graduation requirements. Does not need to be lab-based. (Effective 2021)

Added **Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science** as a course which may fulfill the senior year quantitative math requirement. (Effective immediately. Statutory change occurred in 2013. [RCW 28A.230.097](#))

Build Upon Cross-Sector Bridges

Bridge to College English
Language Arts fulfills CADR
English requirement of one credit
of literature, composition or
elective English. (Effective 2016)

Bridge to College Mathematics
fulfills CADR senior year math-
based quantitative course
requirement. (Effective 2016)

CADR Details

Meeting CADRS through HS or College Coursework:

District determines CADR courses and identifies with "B" on transcripts.

Typically, 1 year of coursework = 1 CADR credit.

Encourage students to take at least 3 CADR courses each year.

College courses may substitute.

5 qtr. credits/3 sem. Credits = 1 CADR credit.

English

English – 4 credits

3 credits, including literature and composition (may include Bridge to College English).

May include 1 credit of elective English.

College English course or precollege course that would prepare a student for college composition or literature.

Senior Year Math-Based Quantitative Course

Senior Year Math-Based:

1 credit equal to or beyond the 3 required math credits;
Or, quantitative course;
Or, algebra-based science;
Or, AP computer science;
Or, Bridge to College Mathematics.
College math-based quantitative course or pre-college math course that prepares student for college algebra.

Mathematics

Mathematics – 3 credits:

1 credit each:

Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II (int.)

Or, 3 credits of Integrated Math (Int. Math I, II, III).

Pre-college math course that prepares student for college algebra; or math course with intermediate algebra as prerequisite.

Science

Science – 2 credits:

2 credits of lab science, including:
1 credit in algebra-based science
AND 1 credit in biology,
chemistry or physics.

College courses may substitute.

World Languages

World Languages – 2 credits:

2 credits of lab science, including:
1 credit in algebra-based science
AND 1 credit in biology,
chemistry or physics.

College courses may substitute.

Social Science

Social Science– 3 credits:

3 credits in history or any social science (exceptions).

College courses may substitute.

Arts

Arts – 1 credit:

1 credit in the fine, visual or performing arts;

Or, 1 credit beyond the minimum in any other CADR subject area.

College courses may substitute.

Continue Alignment for Class of 2019

For future consideration:

Increase to 2 credits of Arts, with substitution of 1 credit in other core area allowed.

Bridge to College Mathematics fulfills third credit of math.

Resources

ReadySetGrad webpage:

- <http://www.readysetgrad.org/12th-grade/grad/high-school-grad-college-admission-standards>

WSAC College Admissions webpage:

- <http://wsac.wa.gov/college-admissions>

Continue the
Conversation

Next Webinar:

Wednesday, March 16th- Washington State Learning
Standards and Assessments

<http://www.readysetgrad.org/#WedsWebinars>

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